Current Economic Programs Printed Survey Results: by the *Annual Building Permits* Statistics Users Respondent Base

U.S. Census Bureau
Current Economic Statistics User Survey

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I. DATA CONTENT

Your answers identifying the survey data you use will help us understand our users' patterns of data use.

1. Which Current Economic Statistics from the Census Bureau do you use? (Mark all that apply.)

(1)   Monthly

0.3%;	1	None
43.3%;	127	Retail Sales
26.3%;	77	Wholesale Trade
30.4%;	89	Manufacturing/Trade Inventory/Sales
67.9%;	199	Housing Starts
93.5%;	274	Building Permits
55.6%;	163	New Home Sales
49.8%;	146	Value of New Construction Put in Place
44.0%;	129	Housing Completions
31.1%;	91	Expenditures for Residential Improvements
47.8%;	140	New Residential Construction
24.6%;	72	New Mobile Home Placements
23.9%;	70	Monthly Imports and Exports
28.3%;	83	Current Industrial Reports
27.0%;	79	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, Orders

Replies 293; Forms 308

(2)   Quarterly

39.6%;	36	Quarterly Financial Report
81.3%;	74	Current Industrial Reports
5.5%;	5	Federal Assistance Awards Data System
19.8%;	18	Quarterly Tax Survey
7.7%;	7	Quarterly Public Employee Retirement

Replies 91; Forms 308

(3)   Annual

43.5%;	134	Annual Retail Trade
33.4%;	103	Annual (Wholesale) Trade
17.9%;	55	Annual Survey of Communications
23.1%;	71	Transportation Annual Survey
19.8%;	61	Service Annual Survey
58.8%;	181	County Business Patterns

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35.1%;   108  ZIP Code Business Patterns
29.5%;    91  Statistics of U.S. Businesses
41.9%;   129  Characteristics of New Housing
100.0%;  308  Annual Building Permits
45.8%;   141  New Residential Construction in Selected Metropolitan Areas
19.2%;    59  Annual Capital Expenditures
43.8%;   135  Annual Survey of Manufactures
29.2%;    90  Current Industrial Reports
10.4%;    32  Research and Development Survey
18.5%;    57  Plant Capacity Utilization
 8.1%;    25  Education Finance Survey
14.0%;    43  State Tax Collection Survey
 4.5%;    14  Annual Public Employee Retirement
11.7%;    36  Annual Survey of  Public Employment
14.6%;    45  Consolidated Federal Funds Report
22.4%;    69  State Government Finances
29.5%;    91  Annual Imports and Exports
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Replies 308; Forms 308

II. DATA DELIVERY

The Census Bureau is considering use of the Internet as the primary method of data delivery. By completing the following questions, you will help us retain the most essential delivery formats and design the best possible data delivery service.

(4)   2. How do you receive current economic data now? (Mark all that apply.)

87.5%;	265	Printed Publications	12.9%;	39	FAX
70.3%;	213	World Wide Web (Internet)	8.9%;	27	Direct (E-mail) delivery
43.2%;	131	CD-ROMs	2.0%;	6	Regular mail
31.7%;	96	Diskettes	5.9%;	18	Other

Replies 303; Forms 308

- visit to Census release library and requests to commerce library.
- News Services such as Bridge.
- tape (CPB)
- Electronic "Bulletin Boards"
- Check values by telephone
- also use microfiche in some cases.
- time-share vendor (private)
- hard copy computer run
- Consultation w/colleagues who receive your material.
- Individual sources using census bureau data
- sec,Secondary Vendor (R
- Newswires
- Stat-USA
- Tape, Cartridge
- Phone calls
- CDRom & Publications in Library
- FTP
- building permits printout
- By phone to construction sttistics

(5) 3. What format do you PREFER when downloading data for further manipulation? (Mark all that apply.)

70.0%;	205	Spreadsheet (e.g., wkl, xls, etc...)
38.6%;	113	Database (e.g., dbf, mdb, etc...)
29.7%;	87	ASCII delimited
17.1%;	50	ASCII flat files
12.6%;	37	Retrieve from print or screen and enter manually
9.2%;	27	Do not manipulate data
3.8%;	11	Other

Replies 293; Forms 308

- Printed, so it's easily read
- TSO files
- Your current format for Building Permit diskettes.
- Access database
- Excel
- CD-Rom
- Don't know
- Also as text or word file
- Word Document
- SAS data sets
- We are not or the Internet

4. What capabilities do you want on the Census Internet site? (For each line, indicate the degree of your preferences, from 5 [high] to 1 [low].)

(6) a. Direct (E-mail) delivery:

36.1%;	97	5	20.4%;	55	3	6.7%;	18	1
20.4%;	55	4	8.9%;	24	2	7.4%;	20	Don't know

Replies 269; Forms 308

(7) b. E-mail notification:

42.2%;	111	5	18.6%;	49	3	6.5%;	17	1
17.5%;	46	4	9.5%;	25	2	5.7%;	15	Don't know

Replies 263; Forms 308

(8) c. Retrieve/display to screen:

51.1%;	138	5	11.9%;	32	3	6.7%;	18	1
20.4%;	55	4	3.0%;	8	2	7.0%;	19	Don't know

Replies 270; Forms 308

(9) d. Search:

68.2%;	193	5	7.8%;	22	3	1.8%;	5	1
17.0%;	48	4	1.1%;	3	2	4.2%;	12	Don't know

Replies 283; Forms 308

(10) e. Download complete data sets:

68.1%;	190 5	10.0%;	28 3	1.8%;	5 1
14.0%;	39 4	1.8%;	5 2	4.3%;	12 Don't know

Replies 279; Forms 308

(11) f. Download selected data:

73.2%;	213 5	5.2%;	15 3	0.7%;	2 1
15.8%;	46 4	2.1%;	6 2	3.1%;	9 Don't know

Replies 291; Forms 308

(12) g. Software help/tutorials:

20.6%;	53 5	28.4%;	73 3	11.3%;	29 1
17.9%;	46 4	16.3%;	42 2	5.4%;	14 Don't know

Replies 257; Forms 308

(13) h. Publication-quality printing:

26.8%;	72 5	19.7%;	53 3	11.9%;	32 1
20.4%;	55 4	16.7%;	45 2	4.5%;	12 Don't know

Replies 269; Forms 308

(14) i. Charts and graphs:

28.3%;	76 5	23.4%;	63 3	13.4%;	36 1
15.6%;	42 4	15.6%;	42 2	3.7%;	10 Don't know

Replies 269; Forms 308

(15) j. Geographic maps:

31.2%;	82 5	14.8%;	39 3	11.4%;	30 1
25.9%;	68 4	11.8%;	31 2	4.9%;	13 Don't know

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(16) k. Other, please specify:

75.0%;	15 electronic bulletin board	25.0%;	5 Other

Replies 20; Forms 308

- Publications like QFR to be in spreadsheet format or mdb for easy data manipulation after downlading.
- Dowlad selected data set according to state, regions, & metro areas
- ACROBAT FILES, which you may include in item h.
- Don't know if electronic bulletin board was used
- Our office will probably not be on the Internet within the next five years.

(17) I. Electronic Bulletin Board (To collect write-ins)

| 33.3%; | 1 | 5 | 0.0%; | 0 | 3 | 0.0%; | 0 | 1 |
| 33.3%; | 1 | 4 | 33.3%; | 1 | 2 | 0.0%; | 0 | Don't know |

Replies 3; Forms 308

III. DATA USAGE

Your answers describing how you use the data will help us design the most effective Current Economic Statistics retrieval tool.

(18) 5. Do you combine/compare/merge data from more than one source listed in Question 1?

| 26.4%; | 78 | No | 73.6%; | 218 | Yes |

Replies 296; Forms 308

(19) 6. What time periods do you consider when using these data? (Mark X all that apply.)

63.5%;	190	trends up to 5 years	46.2%;	138	trends up to 1 year
62.9%;	188	5+ years	0.0%;	0	Other
51.8%;	155	latest 1 or 2 periods			

Replies 299; Forms 308

(20) 7. How do you use the data? (Mark all that apply.)

52.7%;	157	Create value-added products/services
42.6%;	127	Perform patron/client inquiries
27.2%;	81	Inform marketing decisions
24.8%;	74	Republish in newspaper/journal
22.5%;	67	Store reports/printouts for archival purposes
19.8%;	59	Inform investment decisions
10.7%;	32	Locate new sites
0.3%;	1	Other

Replies 298; Forms 308

- Store data in database.

(21) 8.   What explanatory information do you consult when using these data? (Mark all that apply.)

75.5%;	222	Definition of terms
59.9%;	176	Narrative text describing survey results
55.1%;	162	Sampling and estimation methodology
39.8%;	117	Survey design
10.5%;	31	None
1.0%;	3	Other

Replies 294; Forms 308

- Data Dictionary
- Comparisons to earlier surveys and/or similar data from other agencies--e.g. census to BEA in one estimates.
- Census Bureau Staff

(22) 9. Do you have any pressing data or information needs that are not currently being met?

- We are very much interested in unadjusted counterparts of tables 7 & 8 of the FT900 release being made avilable on internet on the day of release. Publications like QFR also need to be made available in spreadsheet or mdb for us to further manipulate data.
- Regional retail sales estimates (cancelled after 1996)
- More local info. (PMSA at least)
- Non-residential building permit data.
- State/MSA non-residential construction data!
- Yes--Need more timely and move defined (i.e.4-digit SIC code) SUB-NATIONAL data.
- Find it difficult to get info a local area ie. N.E., Urban, but not specific such as New York. Also, like annual building Permits in greater detail to states or county level.
- Updated income at MCD level; Census be used to publish Per Capita income annually.
- Finding historic data sets requires going to the library - It would be very helpful if 1980 census data was on the internet as well.
- Retail Trade Monthly - Regional Data Survey - Blue Pages, Building Permits - Non-Resident & Additions.
- More information by county.
- Need updated 1990 Census Data.
- Apartment (Multi-Family) Statistics.
- Information on nonresidential construction.
- Data is often no longer available at couty or regional level, which is a big loss to local government. If possible, please reinstate (eg. retail sales). Also, no-residential building permits no longer available.
- Data on residential construction; alterations, renovations and conversions; and county level mobile home shipments.
- Non-residential building permits, offices, retail industrial building etc.
- Monthly retail sales were previously available by U.S. region! We need this!
- Infor at small geographic levels, villages, small cities, townships
- Selected salaries for selected industries & occupations.
- local wage by occupation & industry data
- Nonresidential Construction Dollars by STATE Highway Expenditures by STATE dat has to be timely.
- MCD Business Patterns, Massachusetts is doing away with county government, MCD income estimates.
- Non-residential building permits--number by type of building.
- The availability of Residential and Commercial Building Permit Data.
- I'd love to see employment data by SIC based on place of residence. Also wish for reconciliation between RIMS, SIC, & NAICS.
- Number of Mobile Homes & Value of, by state, on a monthly basis. (Currently only published annually) -- Also, by county, if possible.
- 1) Monthly building permits by stats. 2) Retail sales by states & MSA's.
- No.
- Non-residential building permits--retail sales for MSA's & all counties.
- Miss the state retail sales numbers.
- Non-residential building permits data nad value of new non-residential construction part in place.
- Local U.S. MSA & county data.
- Statistics on new residential construction for MSA's in more locations (e.g. all top MSA's)
- 1) NAICS to harmonized code concordance. 2) Timely plant capacity utilization at greatest detail level possible. 3) Windows version import data/monthly annual easy to use historical with full detail. 4) New Home sales (without land).
- Small area employment (place of work) estimates - current #'s.
- Location (Census Block/Black Group) of employment for employees', commutes for work between counties.
- Yes--Commercial building permits--Bring them back now!!!
- Resume geographic estimates of retail sales.
- MSA level business patterns. Estimates (updated info) on a wider range of demographic variable

- for counties and sub-counties.
- Current employment by #'s of employees, by SIC, by MCD, by specific employer ID only.
- Monthly Retail Sales - Nassau-Suffolk, NY MSA (Data Discontinued?)
- YES! Bring back non-residential state/local permits authorized! This was a severe loss for interpreting local economic trends. Also, more geographic detail, more frequently.
- Building permit data at county level from Census web site.
- Would like to have detailed Boiling permit data on line. Would really like to know which census tracts correspond to zip codes (and counties).
- Commercial Construction Permit Activity
- Seasonal Population - estimates. More information on affordable housing-market.
- I would like housing dat for the State level other tan building permit data.
- State, county & local permit date for nonresidential construction. Use to get this.
- Monthly Retail Sales for U.S. Metropolitan Areas.
- More frequent substate mtg. stats (annual survey is state wide only)
- In general, I would like more information to be available at the county level and by place.
- One comprehensive unemployment % report including county and cities together by fips code.
- Household Expenditure Data at State Level.
- Would like "New Mobile Home Replacement Report"
- Economic data broken up by county & subcounty levels (particularly data that does not fall under the privacy disclosure requirements).
- 1). Employment in types of projects, such as residential construction. 2). Construction productivity measures.
- We want SIC data at the product level by region. Please make every effort to provide locational tags to Canadian & Mexican data. Full country data profiles are not sufficient.
- Commercial & industrial building permit activity!
- Two pieces of information that the Census Department had done in the past--metropolitan estimates of retail trade and metro commercial construction permit activity--both annual.
- Would like Government Finance series in print form.
- Relatively current statistics at the county and sub-county geographic levels.
- Better categorization of Import/Export information. It is very difficult to determine how much of some of our products were imported or exported.
- Non-residential construction that was deleted from current const. series.
- Non-residential Building permits.
- Housing stats and completions by state, MSA Valve of construction put-in-place by stats, MSA
- Yes, Non-residential permits and regional retail sales.
- More extensive time series!
- Need more detailed annual data for 6 digit SIC codes
- Place and regional economic data sets in relation to population/race trends.
- Expenditures for non-residential construction, especially non-residential reconstruction.
- Utilization of data for merging with Atlas GIS. Convert landview to include information down to Block level.
- I would love something like census lookup for building permits and imports & exports.
- Monthly housing inventory by metro area.
- Make data reports easier to print off of the web.
- Average expenditures per residential improvement project for single family homes by region. Average value for residential permits by region.
- Website is extremely difficult to navigate.
- The annual survey of manufacturers needs to be in ASCII or pdf format; as well as pdf. We spend too many hours re-entering the data.
- Permits for non-residential by place.
- Current local (county) data on any of the following: retail sales.
- We would like to see more economic data and analyses at the state & MSA level.
- Department store sales
- Rent data and vacancy rates.
- MSA retail sales
- Permits for remodeling and non-residential construction.
- Population Projections

- The more history, the better.
- Non-residential construction data outside California! Bring it back!
- Data at the metropolitan area level, e.g. retail sales, commercial building permits (office, industrial, retail).
- We have a need for long historical time series and for long-term forecasts.
- Far better data on service sector; tons of coverage. Need data on enterprises as well as establishments.
- small area data
- More immediate access to most current export & import data.
- Yes, Census reports for all construction, not just residential.
- Rates for rental housing-by state.
- sub-national retail trade
- Timely business indicators for MSA's.
- Building permits for non-residents.
- Commercial Building Permits County level on a timely basis.
- Non-residential building permit data collection should be restored by state and metro area!
- Building permits by state other than housing. Other state wide (as opposed to metro area) data such as starts and completions, retail sales,etc.
- Commercial building permits, Commercial real estates sales.
- I very much regret the termination of the state and metro area monthly census of retail trade several years ago.
- Estimates of coverage by county for building permits better state and local data.
- Just wish more data were available at county or metro level in a timely fashion
- Yes-I need non-residential construction series (commercial, industrial, etc.) on a geographic basis- as used to be done!
- Future of employment w/regards to manufacturing & agriculture. (i.e. what percentage of economy will these represent.) Also, resource availability trends.
- Very disappointed that non-residential building permit data is no longer being tracked--our models rely on this!
- Building Permit data are not as complete as before - Rental vacancy rates & rental would be helpful.

IV. INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION ISSUES

We will soon begin restructuring the Current Economic Surveys based on the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Your answers will help us ensure that these surveys continue to provide the economic information needed by markets, policy makers, and business people. For more information on NAICS, see the Bureau's web site: http://www.census.gov/NAICS.

(24) 10. At what levels of detail do you MOST FREQUENTLY USE industry data classified by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)? (Mark all that apply.)

53.5%;	154	4-digit industries (or maximum detail I can get)
45.1%;	130	Sector totals (SIC division); e.g., Manufacturing or Retail Trade
42.0%;	121	2-digit major groups
34.7%;	100	3-digit industry groups
14.9%;	43	NA (don't use SIC-based data)
2.4%;	7	Other

Replies 288; Forms 308

- digit SIC product codes
- Greater detail when available
- The greatest level available--CIR level. Product level.
- Name of Industry & # of employees
- I don't use this much, but others in the agency do!

- County Level totals
- D & B's 2+2 system 8 digits

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(25) 11. Were you aware that the SIC system is being replaced by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)?

31.6%; 94 I was unaware of this
25.9%; 77 I am partially aware, but lack details
42.4%; 126 I am aware and understand some implications

Replies 297; Forms 308

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12. Would you like to receive more information about NAICS?

(26) Yes, please send me - (Mark all that apply)

92.5%; 186 A brochure that explains NAICS   28.4%; 57 Conference announcements
59.7%; 120 NAICS implementation plans   1.5%; 3 Other

Replies 201; Forms 308

- Send info on NAICS comparability with existing SIC data.
- Disk that has SIC/NAICS Conversions
- The reference book of classifications

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(27) No Thanks -

62.9%; 61 I will check the Census Bureau's web site (www.census.gov/naics)
37.1%; 36 I don't need more information about NAICS

Replies 97; Forms 308

V. USER PROFILE

Please tell us about yourself so we may serve you better.

(28) 13. Type of organization.

38.0%; 116 Business   3.0%; 9 Media
30.8%; 94 Government   1.0%; 3 Regional Planning Commission
15.7%; 48 Academic/Research   0.7%; 2 Library
3.9%; 12 Association   0.7%; 2 Economic Development
3.0%; 9 Individual   3.3%; 10 Other

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- Information and consulting firm
- Consulting
- non-profit economic development org.
- Economic Development District State Data Center depository.
- Building Material Manufacturer
- Consultant
- Library (University
- University
- Corp. Library
- Council of Governments

(29) 14. Do you work in your organization's library?

| 29.3%; | 87 | Yes | 70.7%; | 210 | No |

Replies 297; Forms 308

(30) 15. What is your affiliation with the Census Bureau?

64.7%;	191	None	1.0%;	3	State Data Center Affiliate
13.6%;	40	State Data Center	0.7%;	2	Affiliate Data Center
5.1%;	15	Business/Industry Data Center	0.7%;	2	Affiliate of State Data Center
4.1%;	12	Census Information Center	10.2%;	30	Other

Replies 295; Forms 308

- SDC Affiliate
- State Data Center affiliates
- Affiliation with SDC
- Richmond Public Library, BST Dept. 101 E. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23219
- Under the Mi State Data Center
- State Data Center Affiliation
- City Government
- Data Center Affiliate
- Cooperator in disseminating permits authorized data
- Census Liason
- Technical Assistance Center
- Customer
- Affiliate Agency
- Depository
- BIDC affiliate
- Regional planning agency.
- Economic Development Distirct State Data Center depository
- Former State Data Center
- Heavy user
- GPO Depository
- Local Census Affiliate
- Trade Association
- Client
- Building Permit Depository
- Associate Data Center
- We send Census Reports per county bldg. permits
- Affiliate
- Consumer of housing data
- Federal Depository Library
- Local affiliate of State Data Center

(35) 20. May we contact you to follow up on this questionnaire?

| 80.0%; | 224 | Yes | 20.0%; | 56 | No |

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(36) Question 21. Remarks:

- It would be nice to have all reports available in spreadsheets format. For any publication reports that contain large tables and data, mdb file format would be an ideal too.
- The computerized data is fine when know exactly which dat you want. It is not so good when you

- want to know what is available and related information; in this case the printed publication e.g. censu of Manufactures, is far superior.
- Cost is often a fator with the use of Census information. Idealy, the Census Bureau could position itself similarly to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. BTS does an excellent job of disseminating transportation-related information. It would help researchers throughout the country if Census could apply the BTS template to its sociaeconomic data.
- I find the Census Bureau web site very helpful in conducting market research. The current level of data available is excellent and I look forward to new additions.
- In our work with furniture manufacturers and retailers we consistently need breakdowns of mrgrs. shipments by product classification (ie. bedroom) on a more timely basis & retail sales at a smaller geographic level.
- 1). I cannot say that this is pressing, but I would like to see the results of the state-level retail trade series. 2). I need data files that are easily read into software such as SAS and SPSS. I also tend, when I am looking for somethin, to require as much history as I can get, because that is what is demanded of me. It would help me a great deal if all federal agencies that release dat (especially Census, BEA, and BLS) would release an actual data file (e.g. GDP.DAT rather than GDP. BEA) at the same time as the press release, much as The Federal Reserve does with its industrial production notices. More history dat on CD-ROM products, such as USA Counties would sometimes be useful as well (say 1940 or 1950 if available).
- A published paper version should always be made available for purchase to the public. Information being available on the internet is nice, yet it is a completely different animal than having a hard copy version of the information. An example: I can receive my new off the internet, but I still prefer to get my newspaper in the morning for reading at my leisure away from a computer.
- When is 1997 Census to be available? Please keep as much of the data in print as possible-- Thanks!
- Census bureau data is always helful--the data you provide enhances our publication and enables readers to make informal business decisions.
- Thanks for asking!
- The level of detail varies depending on the type of data requested. Mostly county-level data is used because this is what is available.

  Although the technology of the internet is available to tie up my phone line browsing for information to print out is very time consumin, whereas a printed report is much easier to access & reference. Not all government entities have the capacity to keep pace with new, faster, computer hardware & software.
- DOC DOES GREAT JOB. HAVE USED PRODUCTS/SERVICES FOR REFERENCE MANY TIMES.

  THANKS.
- This survey was filled out by three people.
- I prefer e-mail contacts rather than phone, as I am frequently not available at my phone for extended periods.
- You've done a fine job in organizing your internet site. As a librarian, a primary concern is the archiving of informaiton. Will historical files/data/reports be kept on the net indefinitely? As you plan for net-based information, keep in mind the historical aspects as well as the current need for up-to-date economic information.
- We used to receive from state employment agency using worker comp data lists by geography MCD; by SIC; by name of employer--the number of employees. We were well aware this was sensitive data for competitive reasons of employer confidentiality. Unfortunately, someone at another agency apparently released some of this data to the "public" and now it is unavailable-- what is left is very inadequate, unsorted data--difficult to interpret. We can not do adequate community profiles by consolidated data any more. How can similar data be obtained?
- We serve a varied clientale (academic, business, government, and private citizens) and work across many subject. Census data are absolutely vital to us. Our biggest need is for more geographic area detail more frequently (state, county, place, if possible). Users often do not understand the 5 yr. gaps and lag time for the major Economic Surveys that offer such detail, much less the 10 yr. decennial cycle. The internet is a great help in speeding "publication", but we find

- access is not yet universal. We still download and print entire documents for guide reference and historical purposes. I am concerned about just how long the electronic medi will remain accurate and usable as technology changes. How will the Bureau deal with these problems?
- Stat-USA is an extremely useful tool for retrieving data. I would like to see more files in spreadsheet format and the ability to download particular segments.
- Census has done a terrific job by putting so much material on the Wed. kepp up the good work.
- Please contact ASAP: Bob Davidson, Gov't Information Service Section Palm Beach county Library System Service

  3650 SUMMIT BLVD. 33406
  (561) 233-2600, ext. 164
  email Robert ID@PB.SEFLIN.ORG
- The more information you can make available via your web site the better. Particularly at the county and place levels.
- I supervise human service planning in the statewide planning agency. Mark Brown, who is a planner that I supervise, will replace Paul Egan as director of the State Data Center next June (June 1998). We use census data regularly in the preparation of studies and reports.

  We are especially interested in state housing permit data.
- Please contact me regarding how we can obtain the Monthly Imports & Exports information.
- We recommend that the Census prepare and distribute a list of annual publications, along with their anticipated release dates.
- Data validity in the NAICS project is one of our concerns. Has any provision been for cross checks of the data?
- I am disappointed that the Census Bureau has cut back on selected metropolitan data services, namely retail sales estimates and commercial building permit activity. While I understood Budget pressures, it seems that lower cost alternative could have been implimented rather that elimination (perhaps annual figures rather that monthly). It is important that the Federal govt. provides timely information that can capture the dynamics of regional growth as well as natural growth on proud level of data services.
- Sorry for the delay--the survey didn't arrive until 8/12/98.
- Would be very interested in some information available on the Internet.
- I received the survey on August 7th-so was not able to return it in the time requested!

  Our office is very interested in any information on the implementation of NAICS-as our researchers will be using it a great deal.
- We still prefer to have reports generated as a hard copy for our library. If this is no longer possible, an e-mail notification service for new publications available on the Internet would be helpful.
- I think that this user survey is an excellent idea; you should poll users periodically.

  I would be happy to participate in a users' panel or advisory group.
- Desperately need this information from NAICs. Emerging technology/company information requested everyday.
- We look forward to working with you on the upcoming Census.
- Be sure that all information is made available in the most "user-friendly" manner possible!!
- I use dat available by MSA, county and sub-county data not available at these levels is generally not applicable to the work we do. In a (very) few cases (like state and local gov't finances) we use state level data.
- Tutorials and/or manuals should be sent out with Census products. I have fiddled enough with Landview III to utilize some of its versatility. Other colleagues won't due to lack of time to waste on self-teaching (fumbling).

  Landview III should allow searches down to the Block level & just empty the fields which raise concerns regarding privacy at that level.
- So far, the lookup approach has been not valuable to me. It has some limitations. CD's are my second favorite.
- I always use your data for the economic releases. My major concerns are: timeliness of data

- availability on web and being able to print the data from the web without having to reformat printing fonts. I also to the revisions when they come out, but often the location and structure of the revisions is confusing.
- Thank you for asking. We use economic files on limited basis.
- I think the advancements on the Web over the past few years have been excellent. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has put much of this data in raw form on their FTP site. I'd like to see the Census Bureau make the FTP site more accessible and have more information.
- I find the Census Website to be fairly difficult to use. It's hard to find information that I need. For example: I was trying to find tables on the number of Households & spent probably 45 minutes locating it.
- I work as a local government long range planner. My duties include socio-economic analysis as requested by the public, politicians and officials. The Census Bureau's Web Site is one of my key resources.
- We love the Census Bureau! Clear publications indices and ease of search engines on the Internet site are very important to us. Also, choice of how to download data is good, not all users need or can use spreadsheet software.
- Keep up the good work. I appreciate this survey.
- More documentation and instructions for obtaining data from gohper directories would be helpful.
- I appreciate the value of your service! Educators use information for social profit.
- Keep up the good work.
- Don't know if understood fully all questions, and maybe some confusion about my answers.

  But look to dat from the Census Bureau as important information to not only general business, but in possible use for publication to inform, specifically, members of the hardwood lbr business.
- Please provide me with the description of the monthly and annual products listed on the front page.
- If feasible, include columns heading names (labels) in spread sheets, as well as row labels. Not now done in monthly building permits diskettes and STF3-A CD-ROM, for example.
- Please consider having building permit data on a user friendly CD-ROM.
- It was a mistake to exclude mobile home permits from your residential permits totals, and a bigger mistake to exclude the non-residential permits.
- Good to see this survey! Dealing with you via the Internet and mail is going well. However, trying to reach people ove rthe phone is still a major headache.
- Glad more of your publications are being made available on the Intenet! Suggestion for format of employment data-group by years first, then industry. Is there some alternative for obtaining non-residential building permits.

Figure 1: